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Captain Paul Novak was raised in the state of Connecticut. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., in 1973 and a Masters of Science in Computer Systems Management in 1980 from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Candidate School, and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1975.

His first Navy assignment was with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Eight at the Naval Air Station in Imperial Beach, Calif., where he served as a pilot for the SH-3D "Sea King" helicopter and deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. After this assignment, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and was awarded a Masters of Science in Computer Systems Management in 1980. In December 1980 he reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Two, in San Diego where he flew the SH-3H "Sea King" helicopter, and deployed aboard USS Ranger. He received the Navy Achievement Medal for a night rescue of five aviators in the Persian Gulf in 1981.

In 1983, he reported to the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. as project officer on a Navy mainframe computer system. He became an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer in 1984, and reported to the IBM Federal System Division facility in Owego, New York, as SH-60B "Sea Hawk" Flight Acceptance Test Pilot, and Naval Air Systems Command Program Managers Representative for the Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III Program. In 1987 he reported to the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as the Avionics Systems Project Officer for the LAMPS MK III/SH-60B, and the VH-3D and VH-60N Presidential Helicopters.

In 1990 he completed the Program Managers course at the Defense Systems Management College, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and was reassigned to the Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, Pa., as the Director of the Vertical Flight Division. At NADC he led a team of 50 scientists and engineers delivering hardware and software products to the fleet and to various Naval Air Systems Command Program Offices. Captain Novak reported to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Washington, D.C., in 1993, where he directed the integration of Global Positioning System into 86 different kinds of U.S. Navy Marine Corps and Coast Guard aircraft.

He assumed command as Program Manager, Navigation Systems, at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command June 14, 1996 and is responsible for the integration of GPS into all U. S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aircraft and the Navy ships and submarines.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal. He is a designated Acquisition Professional.